

Old Town Historical Committee
September 14, 2009
Monday

5:45 PM
Minutes

Call to order: Mr. Jarvis called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present for roll call were Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds and Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry.
Also, in attendance was Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Garrett (Main Street Program), Mr. Garvin (Main Street Program), Mayor Ebert, and Mr. Note (Landmarks)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to approve the minutes of the August 10th, 2009 meeting; seconded by Mr. Deeds.

VOTE:	AYES:	Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds
	NAYS:	
		Motion carried.

Pended Items:

06-01 Interurban Building Update

Mr. Jarvis stated that the exterior of the building is still slated for this fall. The activity has mostly been behind the scenes. The Eastland Fairfield Career center has agreed to adopt the planning and bed preparation as their Community Service project. That relieves staff and volunteers for other work. We are still in negotiation with local nurseries for the landscaping materials, but that seems to be coming together as well.

The brickwork for the platform that has been poured around the building will be laid by a combination of volunteers and staff. Posts and rails will be donated by local sources. The end goal is that the exterior will be finished this fall.

09-03 Old Town Preservation Guidelines Supplement

Mr. Jarvis stated that there was a sub-committee formed to look at the Preservation Guidelines in the area of new construction and re-modeling. There weren't many examples of photos to show anyone. The intent was just to give a little better guideline.

Six architectural styles were identified within the period of 1840-1920 and they searched for photos with relevance to this project to illustrate those styles. Narrative of the guidelines was discussed.

It was also proposed that the main body of the guidelines remain pretty much intact. The appendix was broken into three parts; Resources, Glossary and New Construction/Major Remodeling. Nothing else is greatly changed.

Mr. Jarvis stated he would like to take this to full Council for consideration. A condensed summary will need to be created to be taken to Council. Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to take this to General Council; seconded by Mr. Deeds.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds**
NAYS:

Motion carried.

Further discussion ensued.

New Items for Discussion

Mrs. Mershon stated that she has had residents call her with ideas about some murals around town. One possible location was on the lock/abutment on Trine Street. Another good location would be the building next to Stradley Place, on that blank wall. Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry asked about the owner of the property and asked who owned the lock. Mr. Jarvis stated that the murals aren't inexpensive and there is the worry that it would be defaced. Mrs. Mershon stated that she imagined that the mural would depict some of the heritage of Canal Winchester. Mr. Garrett stated that he has talked to Mr. Neimayer and that the mural would constitute a sign and therefore falls under restrictions as to size and color. There is a possibility that it could be worked around with a variance, but it is something to keep in mind. Further discussion ensued. It was decided that Mr. Jarvis will contact a gentleman in Lithopolis that does this and will bring the information back to Old Town.

Old Business:

Mr. Garrett stated that Main Street is wrapping up the building improvement matching grant pilot program. He thanked Mr. Note for the idea and Mayor Ebert and the Village staff for working with them. He also thanked Bob Garvin for his vision to help them work with Council and Staff. 15 grant applications were submitted and eight were chosen. For every \$1 they spent, they were reimbursed \$2. It was a great success and brought a great improvement to the downtown area. Mr. Jarvis reciprocated that appreciation toward Main Street.

Mr. Jarvis asked if Mr. Strayer made any headway on getting a railway car. Mayor Ebert stated that there has not been progress made at this point. Discussion ensued regarding where they can be found.

Mr. Deeds asked when the windows in Town Hall were going to be repaired. Mayor Ebert believes it has been put off until next year. Mr. Jarvis asked that we be given an update on that from Mr. Peoples.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to adjourn this meeting of the Old Town Committee and was seconded by Mr. Deeds.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds**
NAYS:

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.